Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs was organized on April 24, 1890, and duly chartered by President William McKinley and the United States Congress on March 3, 1901; and,

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs is the largest and oldest nondenominational, international service organization of volunteer women in the world with 10 million members in all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and forty-six countries worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, Through the years, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been a leading advocate and proponent of such advances as freedom of women from legal and social constraints, conservation of natural resources, child labor laws, equal rights and responsibilities for women, consumer protection and education, equal opportunity in education and employment, the fostering of world understanding and international cooperation, safety and health in the workplace, alcohol and drug abuse treatment, governmental reform and the safeguarding of worker rights to individual dignity and expression; and,

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the activities of the clubs affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs have made positive and practical contributions through their many volunteer efforts. And, the members of both South Dakota and its parent organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, have contributed significantly to the civic, cultural, educational, and social betterment of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The women who have served this organization have exemplified the highest standards of citizenship, concern for humankind, and spirit of renewal that has continued to build upon our nation's proud heritage and cultural legacy; and,

WHEREAS, The GFWC of South Dakota, having 1200 members and 48 clubs became affiliated with the parent organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, in 1900; and,

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs will celebrate April 24, 1990, as GFWC Centennial Celebration Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 1990, as

GFWC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE